

The Ontario Model Soldier Society

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Monthly Meeting Dates for 2018

14 January 2018 - 11 February 2018 – 11 March 2018
8 April 2018 - **6 May 2018** – 9 September 2018
14 October 2018– 18 November 2018 - 16 December 2018

Annual Show

Saturday June 16, 2018

Next meeting...

Sunday, 6 May, 2018

Branch 643 Royal Canadian Legion 110 Jutland Road Toronto

Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00 am

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President's Message

We can hope that the stormy weather is behind us now and yes you can take off those winter tires as well. The April meeting was once again well attended. It was so nice to see John and Evelyn Brown drop in to say hello. Both are doing well, I would even say it was the old guard at work again...Ha Ha!

Unfortunately the guest speaker on the Toronto Scots once again had to decline his invite to speak to the club. I stepped in in his place and gave a talk on ways to come up with a display of your soldiers. Remember the biggest nation in the world is your Imagination. I hope all members will take from this talk some ideas for their display at this year's show.

Speaking of the show, it is just around the corner and if you have not booked your room at Humber College, please do so by phoning Humber Accommodations at 416-675-6622 ext. 77311 or emailing Robin Rousseau at: robyn.rousseau@humber.ca. In addition, if you have not paid Gary Lenius for the OMSS "Meet & Greet" BBQ after the show, then please do so as we need to give the college the final numbers.

I welcome all members to attend this year's show and please bring a small/ large/ toy/ connoisseur figure/ competition/ display/ military/ civilian/ battle/ ceremonial/ or any of the above. As your President, I'm asking you the members to get involved with your club and show the visitors to this year's show what a great society the OMSS is.

Well enough of my soap box talk and back to the April meeting. The question for last month's "President's Pick" at our meeting was "what was Lord Baden Powell drawing as a soldier during the Boer War". The answer, he was disguising fortifications and gun emplacements as Butterflies. Get yourself ready for next month's trivia question, you may be the lucky winner.

Guy Elliott's talk on good books to read on military history made even this non-reader want to start reading again. Good job Guy and we look forward to the subject you pick for May's meeting. It was also nice to see Eric Clark back from being ill and we look forward on his quest for speakers for future meetings. If you can help him with this task please feel free to contact him with a speaker you might have in mind as this is a difficult task to perform every month.

There was some discussion at the meeting by Frank MacKay asking members who attend the other hobby shows to set up a table at these shows to promote the OMSS or talk to vendors about ON PARADE and see if they would like to attend. Let's all get behind Frank on this one as this will help to make our show more successful as it grows.

John Hambly – OMSS President

ON PARADE 2018 VENDORS

Each month starting in January 2018 we will be publishing the names of vendors who have signed up and paid for their spot at 'ON PARADE' 2018. This gives those attending a chance to approach or contact these vendors prior to the show and make arrangements for picking up certain items. In addition this section will indicate who plans on setting up on 15 June for room trading at Humber College. Room trading will take place between 6 pm & 8:30 pm. Want to be included in the list? Just print off the 2018 vendor's form on the OMSS web site and get your cheque into Gary Lenius as soon as possible.

Vendors

John Brown – Vintage Toy Soldiers, home castings and Militaria – (905) 275-2446 – Email: johnev@sympatico.ca.

SCOTT J. DUMMITT PRESENTS – W. Britain Ltd, John Jenkins Designs, Thomas Gunn Miniatures, Del Prado, Armies in Plastic, Pride of the Nation and More. www.gijocanada.com – (705) 939-1028 – Email: gijoe@kos.net - Room Trader

Tommy & Kirk Thompson – Vintage hollow cast William Britain Figures – (705) 252-0990 or Kirk (647) 500-7795.

Ed Tansley – Ducal Toy Soldiers – (416) 695-0609 – Email: edtansley@hotmail.com.

Les Eslary - A variety of Metal Toy Soldiers & Publications – (905) 627-5893 – Email: leslary@cogeco.ca

Andy Traverse – Variety of Toy Soldiers – (905) 627-0213 – Email: andytraverse123@gmail.com

John Drown – High Quality imported Connoisseur figures from Russia – (705) 725-9177 – Email: jdrown@rogers.com



Al Wright – Stock and Custom made 1/6th action figures and equipment sets – (416) 406-4369 – Email: heshman@rogers.com

Gary Schofield - New & vintage toy soldiers, vehicles & tanks, models and books – (416) 357-7097, Email: GPSCOFIELD@YAHOO.COM

'The Unsportsman Collectibles' (Bob Thompson) – New (post 1967) sold out Britain's toy soldiers, Plastic figures, Military Collectible Cards and Vintage metal & plastic figure sets - (613) 523-3103 – Email: thompson_robert@rogers.com - Room Trader.

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Dan Sneyd – 1/72 Plastics, Die Cast, Artillery, W. Britain Ltd. – (519) 371-7487 – Email: dsneyd57@gmail.com

Vintage Video – Toy Soldiers, Die Cast Planes and Tanks, Militaria DVDs (Feature Films & Documentaries) – John Barthel owner - www.vintagevideocanada.com – (416) 538-9927 or 1-866-538-9927

Frank Barrett – Nostalgia, Tradition, Marlborough, King & Country, old Britains, antiques and plastics – (416) 293-2880 Email: fbarrett@yorku.ca

Henry Chow – Toy Soldiers, Die Cast Aeroplanes, Tanks and Model Kits – (416) 250-6631 Email: toysoldier.chow@gmail.com

Val Fullard – 1/6 Scale Action Figures, vehicles and parts

Brian Margetson - Military Uniform Books and vintage Toy Soldiers – (905) 542-3208 Email: bmargetson@ca.inter.net

Toy Soldier Club – King & Country, John Jenkins Designs and First Legion. – 1-888-339-2109 www.toysoldiersclub.com

Toy Soldier Toronto – Grant Lawson - Del Prado, Thomas Gunn, Blackhawk and more – (289) 259-3984 – Email: glawson.can@gmail.com – Web site: www.toysoldiertoronto.com

Table Prices go up to \$60.00 each on 1st of May so don't Procrastinate get your cheques in. We have 37 Tables already paid for, don't miss out get your registration and payment in NOW!

OMSS Dues Increase for 2019

It was decided by the OMSS Executive that there will be a \$5.00 increase in our membership dues starting in 2019. It's been over a decade since the dues were increased and the cost of running the Society has increased dramatically. The rental of the Legion for meetings, the costs of producing the JOURNAL twice a year, the Calendar and printing and shipping the mentioned items as well as the newsletter to those that don't have access to a computer, are all reasons why our dues had to be increased. The increase was discussed with the membership present at the April meeting and the majority of those present were sympathetic to the problems that the Executive were facing.

You can help the society out by making sure you have paid up your 2018 dues and get your 2019 membership paid up in December or early in the new year. Remember you are not eligible for the OMSS rate on the Lt. General Currie figure unless your dues are up to date.

Quarter Master Stores

Spring Sale: Frank Barrett will be offering sets of Nostalgia figures at greatly reduced prices. Sets of three figures formerly at \$45 are reduced to \$30. Sets of 8 figures formerly at \$120 and now priced at \$80.00

What's New in the Hobby? – May 2018

by Brendan Hogan



For this month's "What's New" column, I'd look to introduce John Jenkins Designs newest series "*Drums Along the Mohawk.*" The series is based on the books written by American author Walter D. Edmonds about the area of upstate New York, which detailed the lives of pioneer farmers along the Mohawk River during the American War of Independence. Edmonds wrote "*The Matchlock Gun*", which was about a 10-year-old boy defending his home against Indians in colonial New York and won the Newbery Medal for Children's Literature in 1942. He also wrote about four women captives of natives in 1778, in his 1947 Book "*In the Hands of the Senecas*".

The initial offerings include militia, wagoners, and women with guns, all suitable for the French and Indian War, Pontiac's Rebellion, or the American War of Independence. The series will specifically focus on the Battle of Saratoga, one of most significant of the entire American Revolution.



William Britain Ltd and OMSS's Exclusive Figure Progresses

We just received new photos of the painted Lieutenant General Sir Arthur Currie figure that we have commissioned William Britain Limited to produce for us. Ken Osen and his staff at Britains has painstakingly researched to make sure that this version would represent how Currie would have appeared in 1918 as the General in command of the Canadian Corps. OMSS members who have paid their 2018 dues will be eligible to purchase this limited edition figure of only 250 at a special price. All profits will go to the running of the OMSS.



Prototype figure of Lieutenant General Sir Arthur Currie

This Month in History

May 4, 1910 – The Naval Service Act of Canada becomes law: LP. Broudur is appointed Minister of Naval Service. Rear Admiral Charles Kingsmill is named the Director of Naval Service.

May 7, 1915 – The Passenger Liner, RMS Lusitania is sunk by a German U-boat south of Ireland. Approximately 1195 people including children perish in the sinking.

May 8, 1915 – The Germans attempt another breakthrough at Frezenberg Ridge in the Ypres Salient. Canada's Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry helps break the attack.

May 25, 1915 – The 2nd Canadian Division is formed in Canada under the leadership of former legendary NWMP inspector, Major General "Sam" Steele.

May 19, 1918 – Katherine MacDonald is the first Canadian nurse to be killed in the war. She dies during a German bombing of Etáples, France.

OMSS Golf Shirts

Please pick-up your OMSS Golf Shirts from Scott Dummitt at the May meeting. If he is involved with the Executive ask Ron Peraziana for assistance.



“ON PARADE” Meet & Greet BBQ Buffet **Saturday, 16 June, 2018: 6 pm to 10 pm**

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the post show "Meet & Greet" on the 16th of June. William Britain Limited is supplying 4 door prizes for the event (you don't need a meal ticket for the draw, but you do need to be present as we will not be delivering prizes). Prizes will start to be drawn after the meal up until 9 pm. There is a cash bar featuring wines and liquor at \$7.00 each and a variety of beers at \$6.50 each. The menu features: Chicken Breast on the bun or Beef Burger on the bun, corn on the cob, salads, Rolls, Ice Tea and desert (Brownie or Melon slices). Cost is \$20.00 per person if you purchase before the end of May (Payment must be in the treasure's possession), or \$22.50 at the door. This is a great chance to sit down and unwind at the end of our show without rushing home and if you're staying over at Humber College you don't have to worry about finding a restaurant. See Gary Lenius at the April or May meeting to make your reservations. We will have tickets for the meal included in the Vendor packages for those that have indicated so on their vendor forms and for Club Members you can pick your ticket(s) up at the Admission Table on the Saturday at "ON PARADE".

On Facebook?

Make sure and check out our Facebook group maintained by Dave Norman. Lots of interesting postings. www.facebook.com/groups/577999975631964/

The newsletter is edited by Scott Dummitt.

**News items and notices can be submitted to gijoe@kos.net
or 705-939-1028**

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